

ONLY NEGRO CAUGHT

THE LYNCHED FOR ASSAULT ON
A WHITE SCHOOL GIRL.

ONE CALL FOR ANOTHER ONE

Who Was Found Innocent at the
Last Moment.

Lakeland, Fla., Feb. 13.—Jack Wade, who was arrested in Alachua county, charged with being the party who attempted to commit an assault upon Miss Irma Newell, of Lakeland, last Tuesday, was lynched by a party of about twenty-five men within half a mile of the home of the young lady about sunrise this morning.

Wade was being brought to the Barren road by Deputy Sheriff Scott and when the train was reached a mob boarded the train and took charge of the prisoner. They brought him on to Lakeland, marched him out to Miss Newell's home, where she positively identified him as the guilty party. The mob took him a short distance in the woods, strung him up to a limb, but when life was extinct, cut him down and put him up against a tree and riddled his body with bullets. Wade made no confession or denial.

Street Anger Aroused.

On last Tuesday morning Miss Irma Newell, the 16-year-old daughter of George W. Newell, was attacked by a mob while she was on her way to school. She was vigorously fought the mob, who, frightened by her screams, ran away and made his escape.

Miss Newell went to Lakeland, where she related her story, and a mob was soon formed which made diligent search for the kidnappers for the negro.

Several arrests were made by the Lakeland police, but the accused on previous arrests were released. One of the suspects, Charles Crumley, was taken to the jail the day following the assault, but the mob soon secured him, took him to a stake and surrounded his body with pine wood. They poured oil over the body and the wood, and were in the act of setting the mass on fire when Sheriff Logan approached with his deputies and saved the negro's life. The sheriff was positive that the accused was the wrong man, and in this he was sustained by the timely arrival of the negro's grandfather, who declared that the negro was innocent.

Protested His Innocence.

Just before the arrival of the sheriff, and after the infuriated mob had poured oil on the body, the negro was given a chance to say something, which he did, as follows:

"I am going to die a horrible death, but not with a lie on my lips. I am an innocent, gentleman, as any man in this town. When you have killed me, don't stop in your work until you get the man that is guilty and then burn him, too. You will then know that I am innocent." He was taken back to the jail and subsequently released.

The mob continued its work with the object being reached this morning as told above.

Imported New Depot Site.

Regal C. Dunn, a member of the Florida Railroad Commission, was in the city Tuesday to learn personally what he could of the wishes of the people in regard to the proposed site for the new union depot. He also inspected the proposed sites in order to form his own opinion as to the best and most desirable location that he might be prepared to do justice to all parties when the matter of building the new depot and the question of a convenient location should come up before the Railroad Commission.

The other members of the commission were here some months ago and the railroad authorities and understand the situation.

At that time the railroad companies agreed to build the depot without further delay. Neglecting to keep their promise they were cited to come before the railroad commission in Tallahassee yesterday and show why they have not complied with the former agreement.

The railroad commission is doing its duty in this matter, and we believe will not let the new union depot with-out much further delay.

CAUGHT IN THE ACT.

Important Capture of Professional Safe-Blower in Jacksonville.

The Times-Union of Sunday has the following:

"While in the act of blowing the safe in the establishment of Charles H. Burnett, corner of Jefferson and Bay streets, this morning at 2-45 o'clock, John Simpson, a white man, was caught by Officer Ammons. When the officer entered the store the burglar was at work on the door of the safe and was taken completely by surprise, as the officer covered him with his revolver. He readily submitted to arrest as he flashed his pocket lantern into Ammons' face and realized that an effort to escape or resistance would be futile. Officer Ammons was patrolling his beat at an early hour and his attention was attracted to a man in the vicinity of Jefferson and Bay streets. The man disappeared in the darkness. A short time afterward the officer found that the door to Burnett's store unlocked. His suspicions were at once aroused. Creeping to the rear of the store he found a man drilling into the door of the safe, using at intervals a small electric pocket lantern to aid him in his work. After approaching within a few feet of the burglar, the officer commanded him to throw up his hands. This he did. When the man was handcuffed the police headquarters were telephoned and several officers dispatched to the scene. The burglar was promptly carried to the station, where he was searched. In his possession was found all the paraphernalia of a professional safeblower. In his pockets there was a bottle of nitroglycerine, several insulated electrical wires, a lot of jewelry, and a quantity of postage stamps.

"In front of the safe which he was attempting to blow was found a small steel saw, a wrench, a glass cutter and a bottle containing acid of some kind and a revolver.

"When he was interrogated at police headquarters Simpson at first declined to divulge anything about himself, but finally gave his name and address, John Simpson, Curtain Bay, Baltimore.

"The capture of this daring burglar is a most important one, as the large amount of stamps found in his possession indicate possibly his connection with some postoffice robberies. Officer Ammons was roundly congratulated by his brother officers on the splendid work he did this morning."

A Revival Meeting.

Next Sunday, February 21st, at 11:00 a. m., Elder John A. Cargile, of Stevenson, Ala., will begin a series of revival services at the Second Advent Christian church.

Elder Cargile has been in the work for a number of years, and is one of the best posted men of the South, having made a special study of prophecy and often uses illustrated prophetic charts.

These meetings will be continued each evening through the week and the public is cordially welcomed. Seats are free and those who attend will never have cause to regret it, and those who do not take advantage of this opportunity will miss a great treat. Don't wait to see what others say about the meetings, but attend the first service and judge for yourself, then we feel sure you will not wish to miss a service.

The great prophetic headlight shows that we are almost to the end of this age, when we must stand before the righteous Judge, and we need to know all we can about it that we may make intelligent preparation to meet it. The ministers of the city are cordially invited to attend these meetings. Everybody come. JAMES LEE, Pastor.

Dr. Pubeston, of Newman, Ga., was a prominent visitor in our city Monday and Tuesday. The Doctor had been in Florida for the past month for the benefit of his health, and stopped over here for a short visit en route home. To a Democrat reporter he stated that he was very favorably impressed with our city and county and believed Live Oak would keep growing as the country around developed, and would be one of Florida's most prosperous cities.

Suwannee Democrat \$1 a Year.

TO MEET IN MEMPHIS.

Next Annual Confederate Reunion—Date Fixed at June 8-9-10.

New Orleans, Feb. 13.—Adj. Gen. and Chief of Staff William E. Mickle today issued from the headquarters of the United Confederate Veterans the following general order, by command of Gen. Clements A. Evans, commander-in-chief.

"The general commanding announces that according to the custom heretofore in force, which leaves to the general commanding and the department commanders the fixing of the date of the date of the reunion, the nineteenth annual reunion of the United Confederate Veterans will be held in the city of Memphis, Tenn., on June 8, 9, and 10, 1909, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, respectively, those days having been named by our host as satisfactory.

"For the fifth time in the brief life of this order the people of Tennessee throw open their doors and invite the survivors of the glorious armies of the Confederacy to partake of their hospitality, while the noble and patriotic citizens of Memphis a second time beg wearers of the grey to be their guests.

"The general commanding, with much pleasure, announces at the request of its most energetic president, Mrs. W. J. Behan, that the confederated Southern Memorial Association will hold its meeting at the same time.

"The general commanding sincerely hopes that the press of the entire country will endeavor to stir up interest in the coming meeting, and to this end he requests that this order be published, and editorial comment made thereon."

FRIDAY NIGHT FIRE.

G. P. McKinney's Dwelling and Contents Destroyed.

The home of Rev. G. P. McKinney, (colored,) pastor of the negro Baptist church in this city, together with the household fixtures, wearing apparel and library were destroyed by fire on Friday night, February 12, at 11 o'clock.

The fire was first discovered by McKinney, and he is very much of the opinion it originated from the kitchen flue. It had gained such headway that within ten minutes after it was first discovered the whole building was in flames, and it was with difficulty that the family of small children were rescued.

The furniture was all lost, and all of the wearing apparel except a few pieces. All of the children's clothing except the night clothes they had on were lost.

The building was valued at \$3,000 and was insured for \$1,500. The furniture was worth about \$500; the library not less than \$500, and the clothing \$300 or \$400, and on these items there was no insurance.

DWELLING HOUSE BURNS.

Mrs. Z. Gresham's Home on Pine St. Went Up in Smoke Last Friday.

Mrs. Z. Gresham's dwelling on Pine street, occupied by herself and Mr. and Mrs. Ned Bussey, was discovered to be on fire last Friday at about 12 o'clock, and the usual alarm given. The fire boys and the neighbors and citizens generally were soon on the ground, but the fire had gained such headway that the firemen worked some time before they had it under control.

The furniture was nearly all saved, but the house is almost or quite a total loss.

The insurance on the building and contents is only \$800, while the loss is in the neighborhood of \$1,750.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Live Oak Chapter, Royal Arch Masons.

The following were elected officers for the ensuing year at regular meeting of chapter No. 25, R. A. M., on Friday night: High Priest, D. O. Henry; King, D. G. Bardin; Scribe, W. H. Lyle; Treasurer, V. Granburg; Secretary, A. E. Wigglesworth; C. of H., A. H. York; P. S., Chas. Gildersleeve; R. A. C., B. W. Helvenston; M. 3 V., F. R. McCormack; M. 2 V., Geo. E. Porter; M. 1 V., J. A. McLeod; Sentinel, Wm. McGhie.

EAST COAST HOTEL BURNED.

The Clarendon at Seabreeze Destroyed—Full of Guests, all Saved.

Daytona, Feb. 14.—The Hotel Clarendon at Seabreeze, one of the largest resort hotels on the East Coast, together with ten cottages adjoining the house, was totally destroyed by fire early this morning. The 215 guests, who were asleep at the time, were saved without injury, and many were able to gather up most of their belongings.

When the blaze was first discovered the night clerk rushed the help to each room, notifying guests, who made their way hurriedly to the streets. At one time the blaze appeared to be under control, but the wind shifted and it broke out anew, and in less than three-quarters of an hour the entire building was burned.

The ten cottages owned by H. R. Kochersperger caught from sparks and all were burned at the same time. The hotel help were panic stricken and the clerks could do nothing with them, one woman biting the clerk badly on the hand. The hotel was a wooden structure valued at \$200,000 and was insured for about 40 per cent. The streets about the hotel are stacked with trunks, suit cases, furniture, etc. The management is making every effort to take care of the many guests.

When the fire alarm was sounded in Daytona hundreds of persons from here rushed across the river to Seabreeze; but even with this additional help the fire could not be checked.

The fire was discovered by the bakers who were just going to work. It originated in the coal bins under the kitchen and at first it seemed that the fire extinguishers would do the work, but there was some difficulty in getting the water faucets to working and seeing that the fire was beyond control, the guests were notified to run for their lives.

Twelve extra policemen were called out and they did excellent work. The roof of the Cherokee, home of Mr. Kochersperger, caught from sparks, and but for the heroic efforts of Mr. Gibson, a guest of the Seaside Inn, and others, who climbed to the roof, it would have been destroyed.

The Clarendon was just beginning the season which promised to be its most prosperous. Every room in the big hotel was engaged.

Another Treat in Store for Theater Goers.

The Kimmerlin Dramatic Club is preparing another treat for the theater goers of Live Oak. At the Auditorium, Tuesday evening, February 23rd, they will present, "The Squire's Daughter," a comedy drama in three acts. This is by far the best bill yet produced by the club, and those attending can be assured of an evening of rare entertainment. The proceeds of the play will, as before, be denoted to the Suwannee Rifles.

It is needless to say anything of the merit of the club, for the plays they have presented in the past prove that they have some of the best amateur talent to be found anywhere, excelling even some of the professional troupes which come to Live Oak.

The success of the club is also largely due to the expert coaching of Mrs. H. B. Cook, who is herself a professional in the dramatic art, and of Mr. J. L. Ross, who for years followed the stage. With such coaching, it is no small wonder that the club has already made quite a "hit" in Live Oak.

As this is the last play that will be produced before the beginning of Lent, there is but little doubt it will be well attended. And the club surely merits the patronage of all who like to see a good play.

Regain your health before the warm spring weather comes on to further debilitate you. A visit to Panacea Mineral Springs on the Gulf will convince you of the truly wonderful effect of these waters on diseases of the kidneys, bladder or any of the results of indigestion. Good accommodations, plenty of fish and oysters; good fishing and shooting. Terms reasonable.

FRANK KNAPP, Manager, Panacea, Florida.

THE BOARDS ABOVE US

CHARGED WITH DETAILS OF OUR STATE GOVERNMENT.

FULL LIST OF ALL THE MEMBERS

And Character of the Duties They Are Called on to Perform.

Tallahassee, Fla., Feb. 13.—Now that the policy of giving full publicity to the proceedings of the several public boards forming part of the State government at Tallahassee has been fixed upon through the initiative of Governor Gilchrist, a more general public interest attaches to the personnel of these boards. All of the important boards are composed of the Governor and certain members of his cabinet, as prescribed by law. The duties of the boards are extremely important, in fact many of the larger affairs of the administrative department of the government are handled by the boards, and not by any particular officer. As at present constituted, the membership of the board is as follows:

Board of Commissioners of State Institution: Governor Albert W. Gilchrist, chairman, Secretary of State, H. C. Crawford, Attorney General Park M. Trammell, Comptroller A. C. Croom, State Treasurer W. V. Knott, Superintendent of Public Instruction W. H. Holloway and Commissioner of Agriculture B. E. McLin. The Governor's private secretary, Mr. G. Talbot Whitfield, is secretary of this board.

This is the only board of which the Governor and all his cabinet are members. It has general supervision and management of the Hospital for the Insane, the State prison system, the public printing and other public institutions.

The Board of Pardons—Gov. Albert W. Gilchrist, chairman; Secretary of State H. C. Crawford, and Attorney General Park M. Trammell. Private Secretary G. T. Whitfield is also secretary for this board. Under the constitution this board may "upon such conditions and with such limitations and restrictions as they may deem proper, remit fines and forfeitures, commute punishment, and grant pardons after conviction, in all cases except treason and impeachment, subject to such regulations as may be prescribed by law relative to the manner of applying for pardons."

Finance Board:—Governor Albert W. Gilchrist, chairman; Comptroller A. C. Croom and State Treasurer W. V. Knott.

Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund:—Governor Albert W. Gilchrist, chairman; Attorney General Park M. Trammell, Comptroller A. C. Croom, State Treasurer W. V. Knott and Commissioner of Agriculture B. E. McLin. Mr. W. M. McIntosh is secretary of this board.

Board of Drainage Commissioners:—Governor Albert W. Gilchrist, chairman; Attorney General Park M. Trammell, Comptroller A. C. Croom, State Treasurer W. V. Knott and Commissioner of Agriculture B. E. McLin. Mr. G. T. Whitfield is secretary of this board.

State Board of Education:—Governor Albert W. Gilchrist, chairman; Secretary of State H. C. Crawford, Attorney General Park M. Trammell, State Treasurer W. V. Knott and Superintendent of Public Instruction W. H. Holloway.

Death of Child from Appendicitis.

Died, on Friday, Feb. 12th, the little four-year-old son of Mr. J. Pinkham, of near this city, from a severe attack of appendicitis. The funeral services were at the Advent church by Elder C. H. Sweat, of Dowling Park. The interment was in the family lot at the city cemetery, and was in charge of Undertaker Potsdammer.

Talk about cabbages! This section of Florida can beat the world in producing them when given proper attention. Mr. Howel brought a head to town Saturday from his farm the largest one of which weighed 12 pounds and measured 30 inches across. It was bought by E. J. Harris.